



PACIFIC PIPELINES / PYRAMID LAKE OIL SPILL

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POSEY CANYON OIL SPILL UPDATE

As of 6:00 AM March 27th, a total of 828 barrels representing 34,776 gallons of crude oil has been removed from Pyramid Lake and sent to Pacific Energy's Tejon facility for further processing.

As of today, wildlife operations have observed several oiled birds in Pyramid Lake. Additional reconnaissance teams will continue observations and coordinate capture and rehabilitation of oiled wildlife according to California Fish and Game Department staff.

Debris removal from the lake continues. This debris includes vegetation, twigs, sticks, and other flotsam affected by the oil spill. A large rectangular plastic sheeting area at Emigrant Landing serves as a decontamination basin for equipment, and supplies needed on the job. Oil recovery on the lake and along Posey Creek continues.

Work continues apace on the east side of the freeway to provide safe access for clean-up of the land and stream bed of Posey Canyon.

"While we don't have a concrete estimate of when the clean-up will be complete, over the last few days significant progress has been made in recovering oil from Pyramid Lake and other impacted areas," said Michelle Rogow EPA Incident Commander.

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(Incident Information Officer Robert Brady is available at Vista Del Lago Visitor Center, Pyramid Lake, north of Castaic on Interstate Hwy 5, for 12:30 briefings and work site, camera pool, tours)

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